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CHAPTER 167

## **HOUSE BILL 2626**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 11-269.03 AND 28-334, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 11-269.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

## 11-269.03. Acceleration agreements; loan repayment agreements

- A. A COUNTY MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ACCELERATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 28-7671 AND MAY ADVANCE MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PURSUANT TO THOSE AGREEMENTS. ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY PLEDGE EXCISE TAXES TO THE REPAYMENT OF ALL OR ANY PART OF THE PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON ANY BORROWING TO FUND THE ADVANCE.
- B. A COUNTY MAY ASSIGN THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE PAYMENT UNDER THE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION TO A TRUSTEE.
- C. A COUNTY MAY PLEDGE ITS EXCISE TAXES TO THE REPAYMENT OF ALL OR ANY PART OF THE PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON ANY BORROWING TO FUND THE ADVANCE AND MAKE SUCH OTHER COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.
- D. A loan repayment agreement as defined in section 28-7671 entered into by a county may be paid from and may be secured by a pledge of highway user revenues received by the county from this state pursuant to title 28, chapter 18, article 2 and section 42-6107. The pledge may be on a parity with any pledge previously or hereafter made by the county pursuant to section 11-379. If a county pledges those highway user revenues to a loan repayment agreement, the principal and interest requirements on the loan repayment agreement may be treated as if they were principal and interest on bonds issued under article 12 of this chapter for all purposes of sections 11-378 and 11-380.
  - Sec. 2. Section 28-334, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 28-334. Acceptance and expenditure of federal monies; limitations
- A. The department may accept and expend grants, donations, aid or other monies received from the federal government or any agency of the federal government for any transportation purpose.
- B. The department may contract and do all things necessary to secure the full benefits available to this state for transportation purposes under federal law and, in doing so, may cooperate with federal, state and local government agencies, indian tribes, private and public organizations and private individuals. THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXCHANGE FEDERAL FUNDS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE LOCAL FUNDS AND MAY INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS IN THE EXCHANGE TO OFFSET MATCHING COSTS REQUIRED OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

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C. This chapter shall not be construed to affect the authority of other agencies or boards of this state or political subdivisions from accepting, receiving or expending grants or other monies from the federal government or any agency of the federal government for transportation purposes pursuant to other provisions of law or charter.

Sec. 3. Emergency

This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 26, 2004.

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